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**DEPARTMENT OF
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Cable Television Division**

**BULLETIN - TRANSFER OF CABLE OPERATORS
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Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. ("Comcast") recently began informing Massachusetts cable subscribers that it will now be providing service to those customers who were served by AT&T Broadband. Current AT&T Broadband subscribers will receive notification from Comcast during the next few weeks providing more information on the change. Customers will also begin receiving monthly bills from Comcast rather than from AT&T Broadband. The Cable Television Division ("Cable Division") of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy provides this bulletin to give an overview of the transfer of control that occurred and to alleviate confusion that results from the transfer of cable operators.

The transfer process began in March of 2002 when AT&T Corp. and Comcast filed a Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") Form 394, Application for Franchise Authority Consent to Assignment or Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchise, with each of the municipalities in Massachusetts served by AT&T Broadband. The specific transaction involved AT&T Corp.'s spin-off of AT&T Broadband, the entity providing cable television and bundled telephone and cable modem services. The spin-off company, AT&T Broadband, was then merged with Comcast. Filing the FCC Form 394 was required by federal and state law and constituted a request for transfer of control of the license held by each municipality from AT&T Broadband to the newly merged company. As such, municipalities in Massachusetts were asked to approve or deny the FCC Form 394 transfer application.

During the spring and early summer of 2002, municipalities around the Commonwealth held public hearings and reviewed the FCC Form 394 and the underlying transaction to determine the appropriateness of approving or denying the transfer of control. After a series of proceedings held by both municipalities and the Cable Division, all of the transfer applications were approved as of February 2003, and Comcast is permitted to operate in the affected communities throughout the Commonwealth.

If you have questions regarding the transfer of cable operators, Comcast representatives may be reached at 1-800-Comcast (1-800-266-2278). Comcast's main website is at <http://www.comcast-ne.com>, and the website dedicated to transfer information is at <http://merger.comcast.com>. You may reach the Cable Division at 617-305-3580 or via email at cable.inquiry@state.ma.us, and further information regarding the transfer process may also be found at our website at www.state.ma.us/dpu/catv.